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TAGS: PTER, PREL, KS, BM
SUBJECT: KAL 858: FURTHER ON ARRIVAL OF HACHIYAS,
IDENTIFICATION OF KAL DEBRIS

REF: SEOUL 14674

1. (LOU) ROK MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE
ARRIVAL IN SEOUL YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 15, OF "MAYUMI
HACHIYA" (REFTEL). ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED FRONT-PAGE
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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WOMAN BEING LED OFF THE AIRCRAFT, HER
MOUTH AND WRISTS TAPED TO PREVENT FURTHER SUICIDE
ATTEMPTS. DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS "TIRED AND DISRAUGHT",
"UNCOMFORTABLE", AND "EXPRESSIONLESS", SHE WAS PROPPED UP

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BI HER ESCORTS FOR A BRIEF PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ON THE TARMAC BEFORE BEING HUSTLED AWAY IN A LIMOUSINE TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, REPORTEDLY FOR AN ALL-NIGHT INTERROGATION SESSION. ROK AND FOREIGN REPORTERS WITH CAMERA CREWS TURNED OUT IN FORCE FOR THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL BUT WERE PREVENTED FROM TRYING TO INTERVIEW HER. ON CAMERA, SHE LOOKED HAGGARD AND WEAK, PRESUMABLY DUE TO MEDICATION. LOCAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS REVIEWED THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT SHE AND HER COMPANION ARE NORTH KOREAN AGENTS WHO PLANNED A BOMB ON KAL 858. ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS DISPLAYED VARIOUS TERRORIST ACCOUTREMENTS DISCOVERED AMONG THEIR EFFECTS, INCLUDING THEIR CYANIDE-LACED CIGARETTES AND A "CORSET" IN WHICH THE WOMAN IS SUSPECTED OF CONCEALING EXPLOSIVES.

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2. (U) THE MEDIA HERE ALSO REPORTED ON DECEMBER 16 THE DISCOVERY OF A RUBBER LIFE RAFT OFF THE SOUTHERN BURMESE COAST WHICH KAL OFFICIALS IN RANGOON WERE SAID TO HAVE IDENTIFIED AS BELONGING TO KAL 858. (NOTE: THIS APPARENTLY WAS PART OF THE DEBRIS MENTIONED BY MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN SOH BYUNG YONG IN REFTTEL. SOH SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED POLCOUNS TO WITHDRAW HIS REQUEST FOR ANOTHER PC-3 FLIGHT, NOTING THAT THIS NO LONGER SEEMS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEBRIS AS THAT OF KAL 858.) LILLEY

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